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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] Executive Officer, NIC

THROUGH: [REDACTED] Top Secret Control Officer, DDI

FROM: J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief, History Staff

SUBJECT: Review and Release of CIA Documents to Dr. Charles Sampson, Department of State Historian

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1. Dr. Charles Sampson, an official historian with the Department of State, has asked permission to use the following attached CIA/Department of Defense documents from the files of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) in preparing a Vietnam War volume in the official documentary series Foreign Relations of the United States:

HS/OSD/Feb85/1, 24 May 64 (TS)  
HS/OSD/Feb85/2, 17 Aug 65, (TS)

OSD has informed us that the Defense Intelligence Agency has already reviewed these documents, and has recommended that they be declassified if you concur. I would be grateful if you would now review these documents and decide whether you concur in their declassification, or if not, whether you agree to their release at their present classification to the Department of State for Dr. Sampson's use.

2. Dr. Sampson and the Department of State have agreed to the attached "CIA Records Access Policy," which requires further CIA review before any classified material you may now release to them can be declassified, downgraded, or published.

This memo is UNCLASSIFIED  
when separated from  
attached documents.

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3. I would be grateful if you would return these documents with your determination to the DCI History Staff, Room 316 Ames.

/s/ J. Kenneth McDonald

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Attachments

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